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Classroom Activities

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Oil disaster in Gulf of Mexico (Page 1)**Instructions:** Read the article 'Oil disaster in Gulf of Mexico'.

Answer questions 1-14.

1. What is the name of the oil rig that caught fire?

2. What caused the oil leak and where is the oil coming from?

3. Explain what a blowout preventer is designed to do.

4. Which states' coastlines are threatened by the oil slick?

5. Which company has accepted responsibility for the leak and why has it done so?

6. Why is the oil leak proving difficult to control?

7. What is being done to prevent the oil from reaching the shorelines?

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8. What are ROVs and for what are they being used?

9. What is being done to reduce the size of the oil slick?

10. Why are environmentalists so worried about the wetlands?

11. What impact has the oil leak had on the local fishing industry?

12. Explain how the large metal domes will be used.

13. What is a relief well and how might it help to solve the problem?

14. What are the disadvantages of the plans for stopping the oil leak?

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Bhutan's first summit (Page 5)

Instructions: Read the article 'Bhutan's first summit'.
Tick either true or false for the following statements.

	TRUE	FALSE
1. Bhutan is an absolute monarchy.		
2. Tibet is a member of the SAARC.		
3. Sheel Kant Sharma is the current leader of the SAARC.		
4. Bhutan is run by a prime minister and an elected parliament.		
5. The SAARC is led by a president.		
6. Bhutan is a constitutional monarchy.		
7. The SAARC has just celebrated its 50th anniversary.		
8. Bhutan is the country that most recently joined the SAARC.		
9. Bangladesh is a member of the SAARC.		
10. People in Bhutan began using the internet in 1999.		

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Ukraine and Russia (Page 9)

Instructions: Read the article 'Ukraine and Russia'.

Draw a line to connect the correct links. The first is done for you.

Russian navy	Former president
East Ukraine	Parliament
Viktor Yanukovich	Black Sea Fleet
Russia	Pro-Russia
Viktor Yuschenko	Party of the Regions
Crimea	Anti-Russia
Verkhovna Rada	Sevastopol
West Ukraine	Vladimir Putin

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Bail-out protests in Greece (Page 15)**Instructions:** Read the article 'Bail-out protests in Greece'.

The answers to the questions are given for 1-8. Write the questions.

1. Q. _____

A. The Eurozone.

2. Q. _____

A. Because of strict IMF rules.

3. Q. _____

A. George Papandreou.

4. Q. _____

A. Portugal, Spain and Ireland.

5. Q. _____

A. The Eurozone and the IMF.

6. Q. _____

A. Banks in Eurozone countries.

7. Q. _____

A. So Greece will be able to pay off its debts in future.

8. Q. _____

A. Athens.

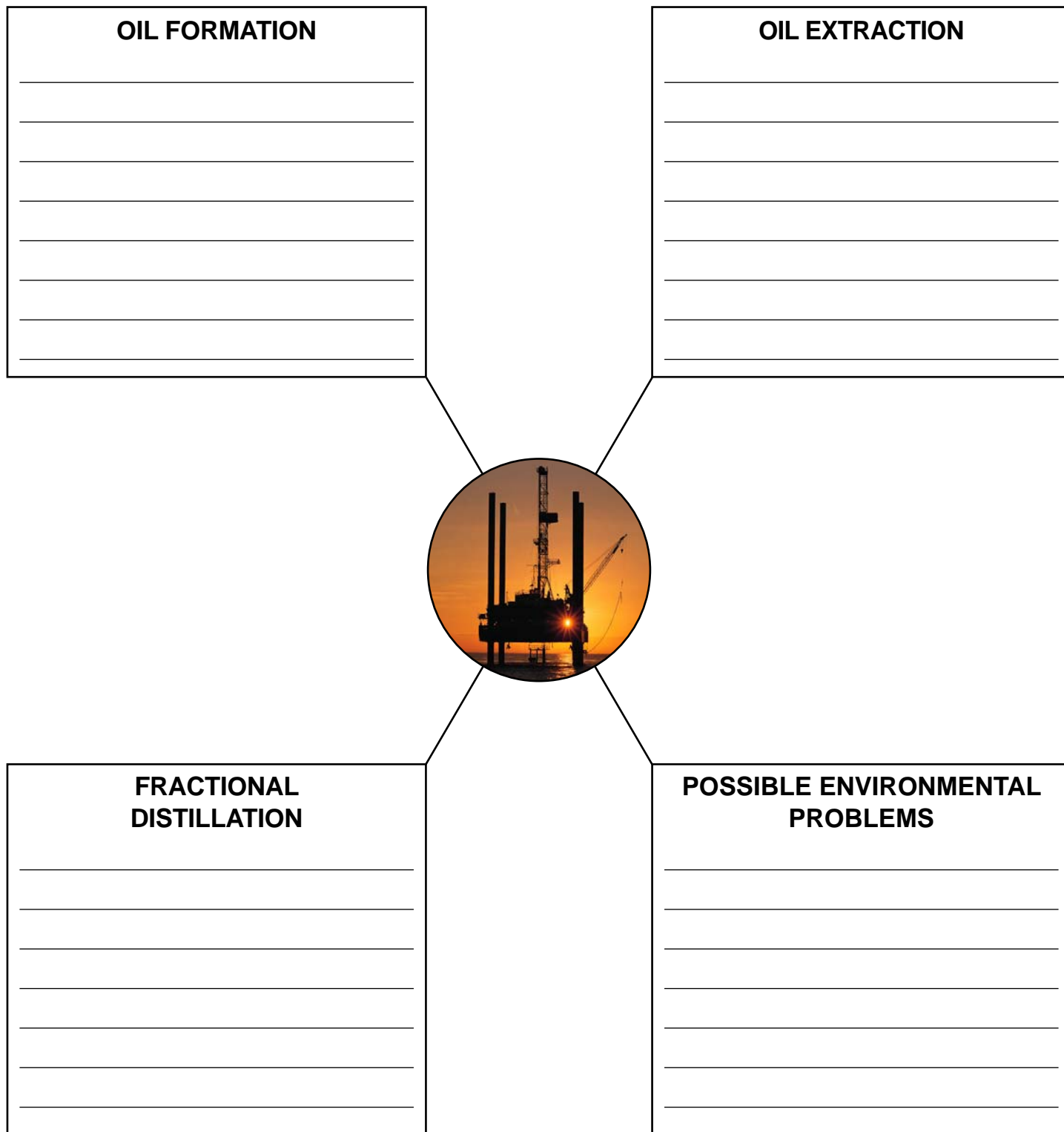
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Oil and environmental disasters (Page 4)

Instructions: Read the article 'Oil and environmental disasters' and fill in the spider diagram below with the details.



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Burqa and niqab ban (Page 11)**Instructions:** Read the article 'Burqa and niqab ban'.

Answer questions 1-6.

1. What are burqas and niqabs?

2. Why do some Muslim women choose to wear a burqa or niqab?

3. What arguments do people use against the wearing of burqas and niqab?

4. What is Amnesty International and what has it said about Belgium's decision?

5. Explain Turkey's rules in relation to headcoverings.

6. What is the reason for Belgium wanting to ban the wearing of burqas and niqabs?

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World Map (Page 12)

Instructions: Solve these anagrams. Each answer is a country that appears on the World Map. Each anagram has one extra letter. Together the extra letters form another anagram. The answer is a mystery country. One is already done for you.

1. NEAR LIMA

A R M E N I A

2. URANKEGI

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3. ABUGMILE

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4. PLANES

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5. THENABU

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6. ATAILSURAN

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7. DREAMKEN

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Mystery country = □ □ □ □ □ □ L

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Issue 118 Elimination

Instructions: Read issue 118. Now eliminate from the list 13 pairs of words or phrases that go together. You will have one word or phrase left over. That is the answer. One pair is already done for you.

Marketing

Australia

Michael Bloomberg

Heinz Fischer

~~Noah's Ark~~

SAARC

Afghanistan

24 Thermis

~~Mount Ararat~~

Expo 2010

Brands

Great Exhibition

Hydrocarbons

West Bank

Captain Bligh

Shanghai

Reinhold Messner

Box jellyfish

New York City

London

Asteroid

Austria

Oil

Palestinians

Earps

Tombstone

The Bounty

Odd one out = _____

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Issue 118 multiple choice quiz**Instructions:** Read issue 118 and circle the correct answers for questions 1-10.

1. Which European country has recently voted to ban the wearing of burqas and niqabs in public places?
 - a. The UK
 - b. Germany
 - c. Belgium
 - d. France
 - e. Italy
2. What would you use a sextant for?
 - a. Drawing geometric shapes
 - b. Navigating at sea
 - c. Measuring the exact length of roads
 - d. Making wooden barrels
 - e. Tuning a piano
3. Which country's parliament is called the Verkhovna Rada?
 - a. Ukraine
 - b. Russia
 - c. Slovakia
 - d. Hungary
 - e. Poland
4. Between which two planets is the asteroid belt?
 - a. Uranus and Neptune
 - b. Saturn and Uranus
 - c. Jupiter and Saturn
 - d. Mercury and Venus
 - e. Mars and Jupiter
5. Which of the following countries is not a member of the SAARC?
 - a. India
 - b. Pakistan
 - c. Iran
 - d. Afghanistan
 - e. Nepal
6. Which of the following mountains is the third-highest in the world?
 - a. Shishapangma
 - b. Kangchenjunga
 - c. Annapurna
 - d. Everest
 - e. K2
7. Of which country is George Papandreou the prime minister?
 - a. Malta
 - b. Cyprus
 - c. Greece
 - d. Italy
 - e. Macedonia
8. What is the title of the elected official who runs Austria?
 - a. Prime minister
 - b. Commissioner
 - c. Secretary-General
 - d. Chancellor
 - e. President
9. In which European city will Expo 2015 be held?
 - a. Paris
 - b. Milan
 - c. London
 - d. Berlin
 - e. Budapest
10. Which are the two elements found in oil?
 - a. Helium and nitrogen
 - b. Carbon and hydrogen
 - c. Hydrogen and oxygen
 - d. Phosphorus and carbon
 - e. Boron and magnesium